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SUBJECT: JAPANESE COMMENTS ON CHANGE IN PRC FOREIGN MINISTERS

1. REACTING TO NEWS THAT PRC FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA HAD BEEN REPLACED BY FORMER UN AMBASSADOR HUANG HUA, FONOFF CHINA DIVDIR FUJITA SAID JAPANESE REGRETTE CHIAO'S REMOVAL AND WOULD MISS HIM. CHIAO HAD STUDIED IN JAPAN AND KNEW THE JAPANESE. (CH'IAO TOLD FONMIN MIYAZAWA AT BANQUET IN NEW YORK IN OCT 1975 THAT HE HAD STUDIED PHILOSOPHY OF KANT AT TOKYO UNIVERSITY 1930-33 UNDER A PROFESSOR KUAKI.) NO MECHANICAL MIDDLE KINGDOM BUREAUCRAT, HE HAD BEEN A MAN OF SCOPE AND SOME HUMOR.

2. FUJITA SAID CHIAO PROBABLY HAD STRONG ENEMIES IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE REMEMBERED THAT VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG, ON A VISIT TO JAPAN IN 1975, WAS SO FURIOUS AND UPSET WHEN FUJITA INFORMED HIM THAT CH'IAO HAD BEEN MADE FOREIGN MINISTER, THAT HE CANCELLED ALL FURTHER APPOINTMENTS THAT DAY, INCLUDING A TRIP TO OSAKA. FUJITA CONJECTURED THAT CH'IAO'S ENEMIES HAD

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BEEN WAITING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNSEAT HIM, AND FOUND A CLOSE

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIS WIFE CHANG HAN-CHIH AND THE DISGRACED CHIANG CHING A CONVENIENT LEVER FOR THIS PURPOSE. FUJITA SAID HE DID NOT THINK CHIAO WOULD BE PURGED, AND HOPED THAT HE WOULD RETURN IN SOME CAPACITY LATER.

3. HUANG HUA, FUJITA FELT, WAS A NATURAL CHOICE AS CH'IAO'S REPLACEMENT. HIS SENIORITY, CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND LINKS BOTH WITH HEROES OF THE PAST LIKE CHOU EN-LAI AND CHU TE, AND PARTICULARLY WITH FIGURES OF CURRENT POTENCY LIKE YEH CHIEN-YONG OBVIOUSLY HELPED HIM, FUJITA NOTED WITH INTEREST THAT HUA WAS THE PRC'S MOST EXPERIENCED AMERICAN SPECIALIST, TRAINED AT YENCHING UNIVERSITY AND PRESENT AT VIRTUALLY EVERY KEY JUNCTURE IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE US AND THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS DURING THE LAST THIRTY YEARS.  
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